

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following is a complete and revised listing of the claims, with status identifiers in parentheses, underlines indicating insertions, and strikethroughs or double-brackets indicating deletions. This revised listing is to replace all prior versions of the claims.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A contactor arrangement, comprising:

two contactors; and

a blocking element, wherein the contactors include guides for ~~contact supports~~ the contactors' support, wherein the blocking element is in an intermediate position, permitting operation of [[ a ]] either contactor when none of the contactors are operated, wherein the blocking element is deflected from the intermediate position to a blocking position blocking operation of ~~the other~~ one of the two contactors thereby creating a blocked contactor, by a guide of an operated contactor upon one of the contactors being operated, the blocking position preventing operation of the ~~unoperated other~~ blocked contactor, wherein the guide of the ~~unoperated~~ blocked contactor acts in an operating region on the blocking element upon attempting to operate the ~~other unoperated~~ blocked contactor, wherein the guides act directly on the blocking element, and wherein essentially only compression forces occur in the blocking element as a result of an attempt to operate the ~~other contactor~~ blocked contactor.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when an attempt is made to operate the ~~other~~ blocked contactor, the blocking element is pressed underneath the operating region against at least one stop, such that the blocking element is supported on the at least one stop during the operating attempt.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when an attempt is made to operate the ~~other~~ **blocked** contactor, essentially only compression forces also occur in the guide of the ~~unoperated~~ **blocked** contactor.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein side surfaces of the contactors face one another, wherein the blocking element is arranged in a blocking element holder, and wherein the blocking element holder is arranged between the contactors.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the blocking element is pivotable in a pivoting plane which runs at right angles to the side surfaces.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the guides act on the blocking element in an operating direction, and wherein the operating direction runs parallel to the side surfaces.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the blocking element holder is arranged at least partially recessed in the contactors.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the side surfaces are adjacent to one another.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the contactors each include one front face and one rear face, opposite the front face, and wherein the rear faces and the blocking element holder end flush with one another.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as in claim 1, wherein the blocking element is in the form of a rotating cardioid.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 10, wherein at least three load contacts can respectively be operated via the contact supports.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein, when an attempt is made to operate it, essentially only compression forces also occur in the guide of the ~~unoperated~~ **blocked** contactor.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein side surfaces of the contactors face one another, wherein the blocking element is arranged in a blocking element holder, and wherein the blocking element holder is arranged between the contactors.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein side surfaces of the contactors face one another, wherein the blocking element is arranged in a blocking element holder, and wherein the blocking element holder is arranged between the contactors.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the guides act on the blocking element in an operating direction, and wherein the operating direction runs parallel to the side surfaces.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the contactors each include one front face and one rear face, opposite the front face, and wherein the rear faces and the blocking element holder end flush with one another.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the blocking element holder is arranged at least partially recessed in the contactors.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 17, wherein the side surfaces are adjacent to one another.

19. **(Currently Amended)** A contactor arrangement, comprising:

two contactors including guides for ~~contact supports~~ the contactors'  
support; and

blocking means for, in an intermediate position, permitting operation of  
[[a]] either contactor when none of the contactors are operated, and for, in a blocking position  
deflected from the intermediate position, blocking operation of ~~the other~~ one of the two  
contactors, thereby creating a blocked contactor, upon one of the contactors being operated,  
the blocking position preventing operation of the ~~unoperated other~~ blocked contactor, wherein  
the guide of the ~~unoperated~~ blocked contactor acts in an operating region on the blocking  
means upon attempting to operate the ~~other unoperated~~ blocked contactor, wherein the guides  
act directly on the blocking means, and wherein essentially only compression forces occur in the  
blocking means as a result of an attempt to operate the ~~other~~ blocked contactor.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 19,  
wherein the blocking means is pivotable in a pivoting plane which runs at right angles to side  
surfaces of the contactors.